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SUBJECT: THE SECOND POLISH ANTARCTIC EXPEDITION: EXPLORATION OF
KRILL

1. THE SECOND POLISH ANTARCTIC EXPEDITION IS SCHEDULED
TO BEGIN OPERATIONS IN MID-DECEMBER. IN AN INTER-
VIEW GIVEN IN A WARSAW DAILY, "ZYCIE WARSZAWY",
DR. ZBIGNIEW KARNICKI, THE SCIENTIFIC
DIRECTOR OF THE EXPEDITION, SAID THE MAIN
PURPOSE OF THE SECOND EXPEDITION IS
TO DEFINE WITH GREATER PRECISION THE REGIONS
INHABITED BY KRILL AND REASONS FOR THEIR CONCENTRA-
TIONS. THE EXPEDITION WILL ALSO STUDY CONDITIONS FOR THE GROWTH
OF KRILL, HARVESTING, AND METHODS FOR PROCESSING INTO COMMERCIAL
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FOODS AND FEEDS.

2. THE SECOND TASK OF THE EXPEDITION IS TO INVESTIGATE WHETHER KRILL CAN BE HARVESTED ON AN INDUSTRIAL SCALE. NEW AND IMPROVED HARVESTING EQUIPMENT, BUILT SINCE THE RETURN OF THE FIRST EXPEDITION, WILL PROBE THIS QUESTION. KARNICKI SAID THAT, IN VIEW OF THE GREAT DISTANCES INVOLVED AND HIGH COSTS OF PROCESSING, THE ECONOMICS OF KRILL HARVESTING HAVE NOT YET BEEN FULLY EVALUATED.

3. THE SECOND POLISH ANTARCTIC EXPEDITION WILL CONSIST OF THE FOLLOWING VESSELS:

1. TRAWLER-PROCESSOR "GEMINI"-DEPARTED DECEMBER 4;
2. RESEARCH VESSEL "PROFESSOR SIEDLECKI"-ETD DECEMBER 15; AND
3. TRAWLERS "TAZOR", "MANTA", AND "GRYF"-ETD DECEMBER 20.

4. THE 400-PLUS MEMBERS OF THE EXPEDITION AND THEIR VESSELS ARE EXPECTED TO WINTER IN THE ANTARCTIC AND RETURN TO POLAND IN SIX MONTHS. IN THE MEAN-TIME, SIXTEEN RESEARCH INSTITUTIONS IN POLAND CONTINUE TO PROCESS DATA FROM THE FIRST POLISH ANTARCTIC EXPEDITION, WHICH ENDED LAST MAY AND BROUGHT BACK A KRILL HARVEST OF 100 TONS. PRELIMINARY FINDINGS SHOW THAT KRILL IS AN EXCELLENT SUBSTITUTE FOR FISH MEAL ACCORDING TO THE POLISH PRESS.
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